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Norfolk, Virginia–Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today the unsealing of a federal indictment charging Julia Del Guzzo, a/k/a Julia Radwaniecka, age 55, of Schenectady, New York, with harboring unauthorized aliens and money laundering.

The investigation, known as Operation Encore, revealed that Julia Del Guzzo operated several staffing companies which provided contract labor to various businesses. These businesses included construction companies, landscape companies and hotel chains who utilized the workers as laborers, housekeepers, front desk attendants and food preparation services. The staffing companies recruited unauthorized aliens from both within and outside the United States to work for the various businesses.

The operation resulted in the arrest of Del Guzzo in New York and 25 undocumented aliens in Norfolk. Del Guzzo is scheduled to appear in Federal District Court in Norfolk on April 30, 2003.

This investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security. Assistant United States Attorney Stephen W. Haynie is prosecuting the case.